

LITURGY INTENTIONS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

REQUESTED BY

Saturday	Dec. 30	5:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	Abouna Elie
Sunday	Dec. 31	10:00 am	Nawal AlMekhtifi	Mr. & Ms. Elias Mansour
Sunday	Dec. 31	12:15 pm	Bakouss Azar	Christopher & Laura Mansour
	Dec. 31	5:00 pm	New Year Vigil Mass Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation) The Living and Deceased Members of SJM Parish	Abouna
Monday	Jan. 01	11:00 am	New Year Day Mass Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation) Kathleen Mayo The Living & Deceased Members Of SJM Parish	Abouna Abouna
Tuesday	Jan. 02	8:00 am	No Mass	
Wednesday	Jan. 03	8:00 am	No Mass	
Thursday	Jan. 04	8:00 am	No Mass	
Friday	Jan. 05	8:00 am	No Mass	
Saturday	Jan. 06	5:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	Abouna
Sunday	Jan. 07	10:00 am	Nawal Al Mekthifi (Anniv.) Louise & Tom Joseph & Richard Moses Lamia & Antonio Farah	Samir & Katia Mansour The Moses Family Christopher & Laura Mansour

The Altar Bread for January is in memory of Julia & John Joseph by Mary & John Joseph of Philadelphia

The Altar Wine for January is in memory of Julia & John Joseph by Mary & John Joseph of Philadelphia

The Sanctuary Lamp for January is in memory of Julia & John Joseph by Mary & John Joseph of Philadelphia

Wealth May Last A Lifetime. A Legacy of Charity & Good Deeds Lasts Forever.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. JOHN MARON PARISH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

**OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO ARE SUPPORTING ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH.
YOUR GENEROSITY IS A BLESSING.**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP (December 25, 2017)

Regular Tithes: 5:00 pm & 10:00 am Mass: \$4,794.05 ~ 12:00 pm Mass: \$1,457.00 Total: \$6,251.05

***ALTAR SERVERS: Sun. 10:00 am:** Elias & Jonathan Mansour

***PEACE BEARERS: Sun. 10:00 am:**

***INTERCESSIONS: Sun. 10:00 am:**

***GIFT BEARERS: Sat. 5:00 pm - Sam & Debbie Tartick**
Sun. 10:00 am - Mansour Family Members
Sun. 12:15 pm - Laura Mansour & Family Member
New Years Vigil Sun. 5:00 pm - Mr. & Mrs. John Zavitz
New Years Day Mon. 11:00 am - Mr. & Mrs. Fouad Hage

***LECTORS: Sat. 5:00 pm Tom Haykel**
Sun. 10:00 am Pamela Khoury
Sun. 12:15 pm Rita Hayek
New Years Vigil Sun. 5:00 pm Donna Amati
New Years Day Mon. 11:00 am Pamela Khoury

DEACONS: Sat. 5:00 pm Regina Joseph
Sun. 10:00 am Tania Badawy
Sun. 12:15 pm Henri Khoury

New Years Vigil Sun. 5:00 pm Regina Joseph
New Years Day Mon. 11:00 am Nila Khoury



New Years Prayer

~ 2018 ~

*Thank you Lord for giving us
The brand New Year ahead
Help us live the way we should
As each new day we tread.
Give us gentle wisdom
That we might help a friend
Give us strength and courage
So a shoulder we may lend.
The year ahead is empty
Help us fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And the happiness it brings.
Please give the leaders of our world
A courage born of peace
That they might lead us gently
And all the fighting cease.
Please give to all upon this earth
A heart that is filled with love
A gentle happy way to live
With Your blessings from above.*

~Charlotte Anselmo

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Aboutna Youssef Khoury, Sarah Attea Griffin, Frances Flynn, Douglas Franke, Mirna Haieck, Chris Curry, Loulou Chbat, Mona Arida, Robert DiSibio, Victor Khoury, Joseph Martino, Pamela Ravangard, Victoria Healy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dec. 31 ~ No Class
Jan. 07 ~ Regular Class
Jan. 14 ~ Children's Liturgy (Grade 2) **Report Cards**

COFFEE HOUR:

Dec. 31 ~~~ No coffee hour
Jan. 07 ~~~ Jennifer Robinson
Jan. 14 ~~~ Maggie Issa

Meeting: The meeting for the communicant parents on Sunday, January 28 at 11:15 am will be held in the 6/7 Grade Classroom. **Parents must attend this meeting.**

PARISH ROSARY

We, the Altar and Rosary Society, would like to invite and remind all parishioners that a **Parish Rosary** will take place on a **Monday of each month (Oct. – May 2017-2018) at 7:00 PM in the Church. The next Rosary is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM.** We hope you and your family will join us in praying for your intentions, the intentions of Pope Francis, and for world peace. If you are interested in saying a decade of the Rosary either in English or Lebanese, please contact Carole Farah at 317-902-5323 or Regina Joseph at 716-883-6194.

LEBANESE CITIZENSHIP

Bishop Gregory Mansour has sent us a letter regarding Lebanese citizenship. As many know, at this time in history, the status of Christianity in Lebanon and throughout the Middle East is under great pressure. It is important for Lebanon to maintain a vibrant and significant Christian presence and witness. The Lebanese Nationality Program is an initiative launched by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants for people of Lebanese heritage around the world to apply for Lebanese Citizenship. For full details, please go to our website, stjohmaron.org and at the top of the home page click on links and then click joint lebanese-citizenship-2017-pdf-2.pdf.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEK IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

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This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Heb 7:11-19 ~ **Gospel:** Lk 2:41-52

New Years Epistle: Eph 2:11-22 ~ **Gospel** Lk 2:21

Next Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Tit 2:11– 3:7 ~ **Gospel:** Lk 3:15-22

ST. JOHN MARON THANKS

LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME

885 Niagara Falls Blvd. (716) 837-7100 ~ 3060 Abbott Road (716) 823-4812

Please support and acknowledge them when needed, as a "thank you" for advertising at St. John Maron.

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE & MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 30:

Regular Saturday Mass @ 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31:

Regular Sunday Mass @ 10:00 a.m.

Regular Sunday Mass @ 12:15 p.m.

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass (Holy Day of
Obligation) @ 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1:

New Year's Day Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)
@ 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Starting on Sunday, January 7, 2018 and continuing through February 18, 2018 there will only be one mass on Sunday at 10:00 AM. The 12:15 Masses will resume on February 25, 2018. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation and we look forward to seeing you at either our 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday or the 10:00 AM on Sunday.

MASS BOOK FOR 2018

The 2018 Mass Book is now open for anyone who wishes to schedule Masses In ADVANCE. There are forms at the entrances of the church. Please be sure to fill out the form completely when requesting a mass.

CARING & SHARING

During the Month of January, we ask you to Donate canned soup, chicken broth and canned chile for the caring and sharing project. The containers are at the entrances of the Church. If you know of any family or person who is in need, please contact Abouna. This information will be kept confidential. As always, thank you for your help!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Please remember to notify the Rectory Office if you have a **Change of Address or Phone Number**.

GUM CHEWING IN CHURCH

Our Church is a special place calling for special behavior. Our actions should respect the house of God. In that regard, **please refrain from chewing gum in Church, and please do not discard the gum in Church, under the pews, or on the Church grounds.**

PARISH PARKING LOT

All parishioners are kindly advised **to call and notify the parish office if it is necessary to leave your car in the parking lot of St. John Maron Church.** Any car of which the parish is not aware, will be towed away at the owner's expense. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

A LASTING GIFT

Have you considered making a lasting gift in memory of a loved one in lieu of flowers at a time of Death, Wedding, Baptism, First Communion, or any occasion? Please give primary consideration to the **ST. JOHN MARON ENDOWMENT FUND & ST. JOHN MARON SCHOLARSHIP FUND.** These two special funds will ensure that the work and mission of St. John Maron Church can continue for generations. Making such a donation is a lasting testament that has great significance.

~EPIPHANY~

~Celebrating the Magi's visit to the Christ Child~

May the glory of the Lord fill your hearts with eternal peace and joy.

ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving Out Of Parish
- Want Envelopes